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HYDROPHOBIA STERN REALITY.

SCPTICAL SHOULD ENTERTAIN
NO FURTHER DOUBTS.

Report of Public Health Service of
Federal Government Says Disease
is no 'Respector of Season nor Species
of Mammal'—Certain Mad
Dog Fallacies Repudiated—Efforts
to Find Cure Continue.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Hydro-

phobia is a reality and is a respec-

tor of no particular season nor species

of mammal, says a public health ser-

vice report today. A. M. Stimson, its

author, repudiates certain mad dog

fallacies and advises those sceptical

of the existence of such a disease as

rabies to have their doubts dispelled

at a scientific laboratory. This re-

port from Surgeon General Wyman's

bureau admits rabies may not uni-

formly be fatal, though it is almost

so.

Pasteurization generally prevents

development. "We do know," says

the report, "that artificial immunity

can be conferred during the usual in-

cubation period. The possibilities of

anti-rabies serum have not been ex-

hausted by trial. It deserves further

investigation, but our present data

does not warrant us to expect very

much benefit from this source.

Despite discouraging results of past

experiences at cure by drugs, contin-

ued efforts to find an effectual remedy

are weighed, the most promising line

of investigation appearing "to be

based, not upon the physiological ac-

tion of the drug, but upon its ac-

tion upon the parasite."

Mad dogs are not always wild-

eyed and frothing at the mouth and

determined upon the attacking of

every person they meet. The report

contends that when the attack first

begins to develop dogs are frequen-

tly more playfully inclined; "the rabid

dog is sick; he is not necessarily

running wild and furious; he is fre-

quently obedient up to a late stage,

and often seems to have a bone in

his throat, or to have sustained in-

jury to the back."

Another fallacy is the general be-

lief that rabid dog is sick; he is not

necessarily in the summer than in

other months. The explanation is

that more people are moving about

and become subject to attack. Nor

is the malady confined to any cli-

mate or region. It is likely to occur

in the Arctic or the equatorial jung-

les. Dogs, wolves, coyotes and skunks

seem to be especially susceptible.

But not even with the canine tribe

is the disease of spontaneous origin.

This fact renders isolation or destruc-

tion ineffective; elimination of in-

fect animals is the only sure pre-

ventive. In this way Great Britain

has eradicated the distemper. "If

all rabid dogs could be prevented

from biting other animals," says the

report, "rabies would within a year

be a historical curiosity of medicine,

an illegitimate field of research for

the investigator in pure pathology, a

plaything for the controversialist."

The mad-dog and chicken broasts

as cures for the madness are arraign-

ed as real dangers because they fre-

quently prevent people from seek-

ing other remedies. Lastly, human

hydrophobias do not seek to bite

other persons. The average period

of incubation is a little over ten

weeks, but in some persons the ef-

fect of a mad dog's bite is not man-

ifested for more than a year.

PARADE FOR BLEASE.

Large Number Hear Representative

Deliver Lecture on Capital Steps.

Several hundred friends of C. L.

Blease, Democratic nominee for gov-

ernor of South Carolina, paraded from

the postoffice to the State capitol last

night. Mr. Blease was not present

but his representative, G. R. Rembert,

member-elect of the house from this

county, spoke for him and congrat-

ulated Richland county on the vote

polled. Afterwards a large number

gathered around the offices of The

State and sang songs about Mr.

Blease.—The Columbia State.

BALLINGER INDORSED.

SIX REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF
COMMITTEE CONDEMN THE
MINORITY REPORT.

Five Democratic and One Insurgent
Member of Committee Severely At-
tacked by Supporters of Cabinet
Officers.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Six Republi-
can members of the Ballinger investi-
gating committee met today and
issued a statement condemning the
action of the four Democratic mem-
bers and the one Republican insur-
gent member who delivered a report
last Wednesday demanding the re-
tirement from office of Secretary Bal-
linger.

Those present today were Senator
Nelson, Southerland, Root, Con-
gressman McCall, Olmsted and
Denny. They declared the action of
what they term the "minority" at-
tempts to have been "according to
worst methods of ward politics."

The evidence in the Ballinger case
was discussed, but, in the absence of
a quorum, they state no action was
possible.

As the "minority" declined to at-
tend today's conference and took
their adjournment at Minneapolis un-
til the next meeting of congress, it is
probable that Senator Nelson will not
call another meeting of congress, it is
of Senator Flint, who is in Europe,
and as the seventh member would
make a quorum.

Signers of Report.

The report is signed by Senators
Nelson, Southerland and Root and
Representatives McCall, Olmsted and
Denny and reviews at some length
the findings of the Democratic minor-
ity of the committee—the minority
members are sharply criticized, the
report declaring that "the spectacle
was presented of five gentlemen out
of a tribunal of 12, created by con-
gress, assuming to act as the tribunal
itself."

Continuing in this connection, the
report says:

"These five gentlemen continued
their proceedings to the end, accord-
ing to the worst methods of ward
politics, and, after pretending a re-
port of 89 pages which they brought
to the meeting already prepared, and
which was never the subject of con-
sideration of discussion or even read
in committee, they gave it to the
newspapers, although the law re-
quired it to be rendered to congress;
and they completed their perversion
of the purpose of the meeting by ad-
journing the meeting so as to fore-
stall, if possible, any action or con-
sideration or discussion of evidence
by the committee in the meantime;
and by solemn vote they graciously
extended to the majority the leave
to file a minority report.

"It does not need to be said that
such action in both form and sub-
stance is wholly lawless, and it leaves
it entirely unnecessary to ask what
sort of justice any public servant
could look for whose character was
on trial in such a proceeding in the
extreme of a political campaign. If
there is any relation between lawless
methods and the character of the re-
sults which they accomplish, this so-
called verdict condemns its authors,
rather than the official, under investi-

The Minority Action.

"This action of the minority in no
way relieves us from our responsibility
under the law. It is incumbent
upon us to sift the great mass of evi-
dence and to attempt to reach and
render a just verdict."

"Every effort was made to induce
the minority members to agree to a
meeting on some early day as might
suit their convenience, but without
avail.

"The report of the committee can
not be made until December 5, when
congress meets and the meeting
called for September 5, was for the
purpose of considering and discuss-
ing what the report to be made three
months thereafter should be.

"There was therefore no haste or
pressure for time. The action of the
Democratic minority in the taking
temporary advantage of the delay of
some members in reaching the meet-
ing was an effort to substitute a pre-
arranged scheme for the orderly de-
liberations and discussions which the
duty of the committee requires.

"The adoption of a report by a
political minority and its publication,
exhibited a willingness to sacrifice
the rights and injure the reputation
of the officers investigated in order to
obtain a supposed party advantage
in the pending political campaign.
We can not reconcile such a course
with our sense of justice and of our
duty."

Where there is no hope there can
be no endeavor.—Johnson.

BAD WRECK WEDNESDAY.

A. C. L. PASSENGER TRAIN NO.
32 DERAILED NEAR DEPOT.

Engine, Tender and One Coach Jump-
ed The Track—No One Hurt—
Cause of Wreck Not Yet Ascertained
—Track Cleared Early Thursday.

From the Daily Item, Sept. 15.

As the result of splitting a switch
in the yards near the depot last
night, the engine, tender and one
coach of passenger train No. 32 of
the Atlantic Coast Line, were derail-
ed, causing what might have been a
serious wreck.

Number 32 is the train from Aug-
usta to Florence, which arrives in
the city at about 7 o'clock, and it
had only proceeded a short distance
from the depot when the wreck oc-
curred. The wreck was caused by
the splitting of the switch just where
the railroad tracks branch out to
Wilmington and Charleston, the
engine going on to the Wilmington
branch and the rest of the train going
on the Charleston branch. All of
the coaches remained on the track,
however, except the one above men-
tioned.

When the wreck occurred the tend-
er was thrown crosswise on its side,
crushing in the engineer's side of the
cab and pinning down Engineer Wy-
son of Florence, who had quickly
put on the brakes, when he saw what
had happened, but luckily not injur-
ing him other than slightly bruising
one foot. Conductor Harker, of At-
kins, was in charge of the train, and
neither he nor any of the rest of the
train crew or passengers were injur-
ed owing, perhaps, to the fact that
the train had not reached a high rate
of speed when the accident occurred.

The track was torn up for the dis-
tance of about a hundred feet, and
soon after the wreck occurred a
wrecking train from Florence arriv-
ed on the scene and got busy clear-
ing the track to enable trains to
pass.

None of the rolling stock except-
ing the engine cab and tender was in-
jured to amount to anything, the
combination baggage and express
car, which was derailed, not com-
pletely turning over.

The cause for the accident has not
as yet been ascertained, and so said
Trainmaster Brand in conversation
with an Item reporter this morning.
He stated further that a careful ex-
amination would have to be made be-
fore it could be determined just what
did cause the splitting of the switch.
There are, however, two things, ei-
ther one of which might have caused
the wreck. The switch might have
been left partly open or a flange on
one of the engine wheels might have
been worn down, thereby causing the
accident to happen.

The wreck was cleared away, suffi-
ciently for trains to be operated
over the switch at which the wreck
occurred, about 6 o'clock this morn-
ing.

The news that a train had been
wrecked near the station spread quick-
ly and in a short while after the occur-
rence a large crowd on foot
and in vehicles had arrived
at the foot of Kendrick street,
which is nearly opposite the
scene of the wreck, anxious to learn
the particulars. A number of others
went down this morning to view the
wreck.

MOB LYNCHES TWO NEGROES.

Takes Blacks From Sheriff and Kills
Them for Attempted Assault on
Two Girls.

Tiptonville, Tenn., Sept. 13.—Will
Sharp and Bob Bruce, negroes, who
for seven or eight years have worked
on various farms over the county,
were lynched last night by a mob of
about 40, for an attempted assault on
two little daughters of Jack Downing,
at their home at Conersville. The ne-
groes were taken from Sheriff Haines
in a cypress brake about three-quar-
ters of a mile from Tiptonville, the
sheriff having taken them there to
hide them.

DEMOCRATS CONTROL ARIZONA.

Have Elected 30 Out of 52 Delegates
to Body Which Will Frame Con-
stitution.

Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 13.—The
Democrats have been successful in
electing delegates to the constitu-
tional convention. They have elected a
total of 36 delegates out of 52, the
Republicans have elected 11. The
result makes certain the incorpora-
tion of the principles of direct legisla-
tion—the initiative, referendum
and recall—in the new State constitu-
tion and forecasts its probable ad-
option by the voters of the State.

THE TENNESSEE SPLIT.

PATTERSON WRECKED PARTY
BEFORE HE WITHDREW.

Anti-Patterson Men Refuse to Come
in—Join With Republicans and
State-widers in Support of Nominee
for Governor—Denounce Patterson.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 14.—The in-
dependent Democrats of Tennessee to-
day indorsed the candidacy of Capt.
Ben. M. Hooper, Republican nominee
for governor, and further cut loose
from the regular wing by referring
the latter's harmony resolution to the
new independent State executive com-
mittee without discussion.

Thus was formed a formidable
looking triumvirate to campaign for
a Republican governor, the triumvir-
ate consisting of Republicans, inde-
pendent Democrats and State-wide
prohibitionists. The independent and
prohibitionists are so closely allied as
to largely overlap in their member-
ship.

The possible break of the solid
South outlined in today's convention,
extends only to one office, the govern-
orship. There is a "gentlemen's
agreement" between the independents
and Republicans that neither party
will invade the other's safe legislative
territory and this, the independents
say, assures a Democratic legislature.

A Former Split.

The last Republican governor in
Tennessee was Alvin Hawkins in
1881-'82. It is a curious fact that
his election was due to a Democratic
split led by Judge S. F. Wilson, who
was elected to the supreme court of
appeals as an independent in the elec-
tion last August which was the fore-
runner of today's convention.

The convention was run off without
a ripple of opposition to the pro-
gramme of the leaders whose only
worry was to keep the enthusiastic
delegates from prematurely suspend-
ing the rules and nominating Hooper
by acclamation. This was attempted

but ruled out of order by the perma-
nent chairman, R. E. L. Mountcastle,
national Democratic committeeman
for Tennessee. There was a long
wait for committee reports and then
platform resolutions were adopted
and nominations made in rapid suc-
cession by unanimous rising votes.
The resolution on harmony reads:

To The Pigeon Holes.

"We recommend that the resolution
sent to this convention by the Pat-
terson convention be referred to the
State committee elected by this con-
vention for proper answer in accord-
ance with the action and nominations
of this convention."

The pardon of Senator Carmack's
slayer was denounced repeatedly by
the speaker and each denouncement
was received with shouts of approval.
Temporary Chairman Fitzhugh of
Memphis brought the audience to its
feet when he said of the Carmack-
Cooper case:

"When the highest court—despite
his (Patterson's) efforts to coerce it—
had handed down a decree which
branded his closest friend and chief
political adviser as a murderer, he
spat upon and trampled under foot
this judgment which was in accord-
ance with law and justice and which
met the approval of the civilized
world."

The convention ended with Capt.
Hooper's address. The Republican
candidate was frequently interrupted
by cheering and applause.

The State executive committee, ap-
pointed by the independents today,
met this evening and referred the regu-
lar's harmony proposal to a com-
mittee of three with instructions to
report on September 24.

Regulars Organize.

The regulars tonight organized to
fight it out with the fusionists all
along the line. Their State committee
called a convention to meet in Nash-
ville October 6 to name a gubernatorial
candidate, adopt a platform, select
a national Democratic committeeman
and elect a new State executive
committee. Regular leaders said the
call for a new platform is evidence of
the sincerity of the Democratic orga-
nization to reunite the factions. The
call is to all Democrats irrespective
of past party differences. The com-
mittee adopted resolutions congrat-
ulating Gov. Patterson on his with-
drawal as a step calculated to secure
party harmony.

That the fusionists may not have
the support of all the Democrats
whose votes helped carry the inde-
pendent Judiciary to a 40,000 victory
has indicated tonight in a statement
from Maj. W. O. Vertrees, former
chairman of the committee organized
to secure the untrammelled judiciary.
He said he disapproved of the ac-
tion of the independent convention
and that Gov. Patterson's withdrawal

DEMOCRATS WIN MAINE.

THEY ELECT GOVERNOR AND
THREE CONGRESSMEN.

May Have Majority in The Legisla-
ture—This Would Mean That Hale's
Successor in Senate Would be
Democrat—First Win in Last Thirty
Years.

Portland, Me., Sept. 12.—Maine
went Democratic today. It elected
Frederick W. Plaisted of Augusta, a
Democrat, as governor, upset the
hitherto solid Republican congress-
ional delegation in at least two and
possibly all four of the districts, and
to the surprise of the political lead-
ers, Democrats as well as Republi-
cans, the returns late tonight indi-
cated the possibility that the next State
legislature will be Democratic. The
senate will surely have a Democratic
majority. The house complexion is
in doubt.

Returns from all but 48 of the elec-
tion districts of the State showed a
plurality for Plaisted for governor of
8,500.

The missing districts are nearly all
in remote parts of Aroostock county
and in outlying islands along the
coast.

In the second district, which was
formerly represented by the late Nel-
son M. Dingley, father of the Dingley
tariff law, Daniel McGillicuddy was
elected congressman by 3,000 over
John P. Swasey, the incumbent, and
Congressman Edwin C. Bureleigh, who
has represented the Third district
since 1892, was defeated by Samuel
W. Gould, another Democrat, by a
small margin. The results in the
First and Fourth districts were much
in doubt late tonight, although the
indications were that Asher C. Hinds
(Rep.) had won over William M.
Pennell, (Dem.) in the former, and
that Congressman Frank E. Guernsey,
(Rep.) had been defeated in the
latter by George M. Hanson, (Dem.)
by a small vote.

Removed the reasons for war on him.
He added:

"The attempt to turn the Demo-
cratic party over to the Republicans
seems to be without excuse."

The Republican State Committee
meets here tomorrow to make cam-
paign plans.

The Platform.

The platform says in part:

"We denounce the usurpation of
party authority in the name of De-
mocracy by the Patterson machine
and we condemn its efforts to dis-
franchise Democratic voters of this
State.

"The independence and the integrity
of the three coordinate departments
of our State government should be
preserved in all their constitutional
limitations and we denounce the ac-
tion of the governor in attempting by
the use of his political machine to
control the action of the legislature
and coerce the supreme court in the
matter of a case pending before it.

"We indorse the four-mile law (the
prohibition law) and its various
amendments, prohibiting the manu-
facture and sale of intoxicating
liquor in this State, and we condemn
the efforts of Governor Patterson to
discredit these laws without giving
them the test of enforcement in the
larger cities of the State. We contend
these laws have been a blessing to
our people wherever they have been
enforced and we solemnly declare no
governor should attempt to set up
his will against the judgment of the
people as expressed in their legisla-
tive councils."

Denounce Governor.

"When the governor of the State
in violation of his oath of office re-
fused to uphold and enforce the law,
he becomes a teacher of anarchy and
an enemy of Republican institutions
and a menace to the security of hu-
man life and property rights.

"We unqualifiedly condemn the
abuse of the pardoning power by
Gov. Patterson and his efforts to
convert the penitentiary and workhouse
into political recruiting offices, and to
make the pardon and the punishment
of crime an asset in his political ma-
chine."

Other planks are:

Favoring nominations by direct and
express authority of the people,
through primary elections or delegat-
ed conventions; condemnation of se-
lection of part of the State executive
committee by the governor and recom-
mending selection by the conven-
tion; demanding law enforcement by
executive officers; liberal policy in
dealing with public schools; honest
elections; liberal appropriations for
pensions for ex-Confederate soldiers;
investigation of the penitentiary sys-
tem and its establishment on a busi-
ness basis; modification of the fel-
low servant statute to fit modern
business; enforcement of the anti-

ARMY UNFIT FOR WAR.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT
CRITICISES SERVICE.

Too Many Officers on Detail—Infantry
Unable to March Well—Transpor-
tations Obsolete.

Washington, Sept. 12.—If fearless
criticism is calculated to benefit the
army then Uncle Sam's soldiers
should profit much from the com-
ments upon their condition and abili-
ty contained in the annual report
of Inspector General Garlington just
made public. One inspector points
out a whole battalion of artillery
starting for the Philippine service
without a single field officer and one
of the batteries commanded by a sec-
ond lieutenant of less than two years
service. An inspector general de-
clares that this absence of captains
from their commands is "the most
fruitful source of professional disease
in the line of the army today."

In one department nearly a third